

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*

San Diego County seems to have got less than its fair share of both the Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers. Though the California Bird Records Committee has accepted 67 records of the Golden-winged through 2002, only three of these are from San Diego County. Yet one of the four hybrids between these species known in California was in San Diego County.

Migration: The county's first Golden-winged Warbler was photographed in a residential area on the southeast side of Mount Soledad, La Jolla (P8) 6–12 October 1984 (J. Moore, Dunn 1988). One in the Tijuana River valley (W10) 15 December 1990 (R. E. Webster, Heindel and Garrett 1995) was probably a late fall migrant rather than a winter visitor, though three Golden-winged Warblers have wintered elsewhere in coastal southern California. In spring, one was along Keys Creek near Lilac (F11) 21 May 1991 (E. R. Lichtwardt, Heindel and Garrett 1995).



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A female photographed at Point Loma (S7) 15–19 May 2001 had some yellow on the underparts and so appeared to be a hybrid with a Blue-winged Warbler (P. A. Ginsburg, Garrett and Wilson 2003).